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The case referred to above has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences because it is adjudged to interfere with other cases hereafter specified. Attention is directed to the fact that this interference is declared pursuant to 37 CFR 1.601 et seq., effective February 11, 1985 (49 F.R. 48416, 1050 O.G. 385). The interference is designated as No. 103,260.

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The cases involved in this interference are:

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Count 1

A cover for an aperture through a work surface, the cover comprising a substantially flat body member and a tab member for an aperture in the body member, the body member having a shape similar to but larger in dimension than the aperture in the work surface, shank means depending from the reverse surface of the body member, the tab member being held under the reverse surface of the body member and pivotally movable relative to the body member between a closed position in which the tab closes the aperture in the body member and an open position in which the tab depends from the reverse surface of the body member. Without projecting above the body member, the tab conforming to the size and shape of the aperture in the body member.

The claims of the parties which correspond to this count are:

Mockett: Claims 14-17.

Plumley: Claims 1, 2, 6, 7 and 8.

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Count 2

A grommet assembly comprising a hollow sleeve, said sleeve comprising a lip having a larger diameter than the sleeve, a cap, separate from the sleeve, having a shank, and a flange top having a larger diameter than the shank, an aperture cut into the top of said cap, a tab pivotably mounted under said cap adapted to fit into said aperture, and means for pivotably mounting said tab to said cap.

The claims of the parties which correspond to this count are:

Mockett: Claims 1-13 and 18.

Plumley: Claims 8, 21 and 25.



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